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Applicant : Chandru Chandrasekaran
Serial No. : 10/075,914
Filed : 02/14/2002
Title : METAL REINFORCED BIODEGRADABLE INTRALUMINAL STENTS
Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Sarah K. Webb
Docket No. : 01-462

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) and
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a 1-month extension of time, up to and including Monday, January 24, 2005 in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the 1-month extension fee, i.e. \$120, to the undersigned attorney's PTO deposit account No. 50-1047 accordingly.

Applicant hereby respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated September 24, 2004 finally rejecting the

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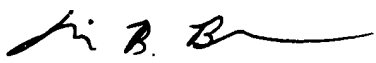
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pending claims in this application.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1047 the appeal fee in the amount of \$500. It is further requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charge any additional amounts due, including any additional extensions of time that may be required, or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account 50-1047.

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